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1. Response to Final Office Action (7 pages).

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Applicant: POTTER, J.

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Serial No. 09/825,202

Group Art Unit: 3637

Filed: June 30, 2000

Examiner: Dorsey, D.

Title: Prefabricated Modular Building
Component

Amendment

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231**RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S OFFICE ACTION**

In response to the Office Action mailed on February 25, 2003 please enter the following
Amendments and Remarks to the above-captioned application.

In the claims:

Cancel claims 1-11 and 24-28.

41. (amended) A method of building a deck structure comprising the steps of:

providing a deck frame including a series of joists;

providing a plurality of modular panels, each panel being of a layered construction
including a top element and a bottom element, said top element being of a material providing
substantial compressive strength and limited tensile strength, said bottom element being of a
fiber-reinforced material, each panel having at least one groove;

providing an elongated spline element having a length substantially greater than a
distance between an adjacent pair of joists, whereby the spline element spans across more than
two joists of the deck frame;

placing a row of panels across the series of joists of the deck frame;

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